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HEW SECRETARY CALIFANO GIVES TRUMAN LECTURE



Before speaking, Secretary Califano met with special guests Thomas J. Higgins, Principle Regional Official of H.E.W., Dr. Harold Blackburn, Regional Commissioner of Educational Programs and Mrs. Donna Blackburn.

Joseph A. Califano, Jr., Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, was honored as a Truman Lecturer on March 20. His remarks raised questions society must resolve; questions that need the general guidance of ethical and moral convictions.



According to Secretary Califano, to be considered are decisions concerning how much money will be spent for research, for medical technology, for health care; should the government's role in these decisions continue to grow.

He outlined basic tenets for decision-making. We must insure due process. "If we cannot guarantee the right decision, we can guarantee that we decide the right way."

"We must wrestle with questions in the open. Society cannot participate in highly technical decisions, but can, and must, witness such decisions being made."

All questions do not have a single, ready answer. "We should hope for moderate progress toward a consensus rather than press for immediate national solutions."

COMMENCEMENT MAY 5, DR. VOTH TO SPEAK

The 1979 Commencement Exercises will be Saturday, May 5, at 6 p.m. on the Terrace of Blasco Hall. The week-end includes many activities for the graduates and their families.

Friday - May 4

6 p.m. Barbecue — Campus Quadrangle

Saturday - May 5

9:30 a.m. Coffee — Campus Quadrangle

10:30 a.m. Honors Convocation — Goppert Theatre

Nurse Pin Ceremony — Goppert Theatre

4 p.m. Commencement Mass — Blasco Hall Terrace

6 p.m. Commencement — Blasco Hall Terrace

The Commencement Address will be given by Dr. Harold Voth, M.D., psychiatrist with the Menninger Foundation since 1957. He will speak on "The Family Crisis in America." Dr. Voth, internationally known for his work, has written numerous articles. His books include *The Castrated Family* and his forthcoming *Dimensions of Personality*.

As a Rear Admiral in the U.S. Naval Reserves he is a consultant in Psychiatry to the Surgeon General of the Navy.

All graduates and their families are invited to participate in and enjoy the commencement week-end activities.

Masthead Photo: Robert Fisher, President of the PSC introduced Bishop John J. Sullivan, the guest speaker at the membership drive luncheon. Related stories on page 2.

ALUMNI PLAN HOMECOMING '79

The Avila Alumni are preparing the 1979 Homecoming celebration, October 5-7. Friday will feature theatre on campus, followed by a wine and cheese reception. Saturday a dinner and music will be held at the Leawood North Country Club. Sunday the Alumni Mass and brunch with honorees will be held on campus.

FIELD HOUSE DRIVE PROGRESSING; STUDENTS TAKE ACTIVE PART

Enthusiasm is reaching new heights on campus for the drive to match a \$500,000 challenge grant from the Mabee Foundation in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Student groups are planning fund raising events to help match the funds for a new fieldhouse.

A faculty-staff basketball game was held in February and a car wash and dance-a-thon are among future events planned.

Avila's athletes will take an active part in the campaign as they "sell" square foot sections of the fieldhouse floor. At \$5 per square foot the goal is to raise \$50,000 to cover the cost of a wooden recreation area.



The President's Scholarship Club's annual theatre-social was held in February. The members enjoyed "Paint Your Wagon" and a champagne reception. Preceding the performance Sister Olive Louise made a special presentation to Past-President and Co-Founder, Ed Thornhill (right). The new officers were introduced. Pictured (l to r) the President, Robert Fisher; Ron Bennett, Vice-President and Co-Founder; Mrs. Pat Martin (not shown), Secretary-Treasurer.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR P.S.C.

The President's Scholarship Club membership drive is underway for 1979. The Executive Board and membership drive volunteers attended a luncheon March 6 at the Radisson-Muehlebach Hotel to kick-off the drive for 100 new members. The annual luncheon was hosted by Ed Thornhill.

Bishop John J. Sullivan spoke about the importance of a college creating a total environment for its students. He pointed out that solid academic programs are of

necessity; more so the formation of moral character and discipline in the education of today's students. Bishop Sullivan noted that the Sisters of St. Joseph have succeeded in providing Avila students with an environment reinforcing those important principles.

President's Scholarship Club members provide money for student scholarships through their annual dues. The total amount is used each year for grants to deserving students.